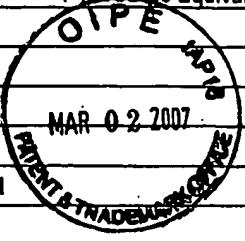


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	2	2,235,979	3/1/41	Brown	
	3	2,255,657	9/1/41	Freedman	
	4	2,482,116	9/1/49	Lanahan	
	5	2,575,253	11/1/51	Bicek	
	6	2,594,086	4/22/52	Smith et al.	
	7	2,666,428	1/1/54	Glenner	
	8	2,756,742	7/1/56	Barton	
	9	2,829,649	4/1/58	Glenner	
	10	2,886,004	5/1/59	Morrison	
	11	3,044,461	7/17/62	Murdock	
	12	3,486,505	12/1/69	Morrison	
	13	3,570,498	3/1/71	Weigton	
	14	3,592,199	7/13/71	Ostensen	
	15	3,626,471	12/1/71	Florin	
	16	3,651,800	3/1/72	Wilbanks	
	17	3,788,318	1/29/74	Kim et al.	
	18	3,789,852	2/5/74	Kim et al.	
	19	3,875,595	4/8/75	Froning	
	20	3,941,127	3/1/77	Froning	
	21	3,964,480	6/1/76	Froning	
	22	4,013,078	3/22/77	Field	
	23	4,049,000	9/1/77	Williams	
	24	4,232,660	11/1/80	Coles	
	25	4,254,763	3/10/81	McCready et al.	
	26	4,344,419	8/1/82	Burgin	
	27	4,350,151	9/1/82	Scott	
▼	28	4,421,108	12/20/83	Cabrera et al.	
/NW/	29	4,449,532	5/22/84	Storz	

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	31	4,461,281	7/1/84	Carson	
	32	4,498,902	2/1/85	Ash et al.	
	33	4,513,754	4/30/85	Lee	
	34	4,538,594	9/1/85	Boebel et al.	
	35	4,545,374	10/8/85	Jacobson	
	36	4,562,832	1/1/86	Wilder et al.	
	37	4,573,448	3/1/86	Kambin	
	38	4,573,454	3/1/86	Hoffman	
	39	4,586,491	5/1/86	Carpenter	
	40	4,601,713	7/22/86	Fuqua	
	41	4,617,929	10/1/86	Gill et al.	
	42	4,638,799	1/27/87	Moore	
	43	4,655,216	4/1/87	Ticher	
	44	4,674,501	6/1/87	Greenberg	
	45	4,678,459	7/1/87	Onik et al.	
	46	4,696,544	9/1/87	Costella	
	47	4,700,694	10/1/87	Shishido	
	48	4,716,901	1/5/88	Jackson et al.	
	49	4,736,738	4/1/88	Lipovsek et al.	
	50	4,750,475	6/1/88	Zanetti	
	51	4,750,487	6/14/88	Okutsu	
	52	4,762,120	8/1/88	Hussein	
	53	4,790,297	12/13/88	Luque	
	54	4,834,757	5/30/89	Brantigan	
	55	4,819,620	4/11/89	Okutsu	
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	60	4,874,897	10/1/89	Lee	
	61	4,878,915	11/7/89	Brantigan	
	62	4,887,595	12/19/89	Heinig	
	63	4,899,729	2/13/90	Gill et al.	
	64	4,904,261	2/27/90	Dove et al.	
	65	4,905,082	2/1/90	Nishigaki et al.	
	66	4,921,478	5/1/90	Solano et al.	
	67	4,947,896	8/1/90	Bartlett	
	68	4,972,827	11/1/90	Kishi et al.	
	69	4,984,564	1/15/91	Yuen	
	70	5,004,457	4/1/91	Wyatt et al.	
	71	5,015,247	5/14/91	Michelson	
	72	5,020,514	6/4/91	Heckele	
	73	5,025,778	6/25/91	Silverstein et al.	
	74	5,071,410	12/1/91	Pazekk	
	75	5,108,420	4/28/92	Marks	
	76	5,112,354	5/12/92	Sires	
	77	5,125,396	6/1/92	Ray	
	78	5,131,382	7/21/92	Meyer	
	79	5,133,717	7/28/92	Chopin	
	80	5,139,487	8/1/92	Barber	
	81	5,139,499	8/18/92	Small et al.	
	82	5,139,511	8/1/92	Gill et al.	
	83	5,158,543	10/1/92	Lazarus	
	84	5,163,949	11/17/92	Bonnutti	
	85	5,171,279	12/15/92	Matthews	
▼	86	5,190,561	3/2/93	Graber et al.	
/NW/	87	5,195,507	3/1/93	Bilweis	

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	89	5,197,971	3/30/93	Bonnutti	
	90	5,201,729	4/1/93	Hertzmann et al.	
	91	5,224,680	7/6/93	Greenstein et al.	
	92	5,225,001	7/6/93	Manni et al.	
	93	5,242,444	9/1/93	MacMillan	
	94	5,279,564	1/8/94	Taylor et al.	
	95	5,287,845	2/22/94	Faul et al.	
	96	5,295,994	3/22/94	Bonnutti	
	97	5,312,417	5/17/94	Wilk	
	98	5,313,962	5/24/94	Obenchain	
	99	5,330,473	7/19/94	Howland	
	100	5,334,150	8/1/94	Kaali	
	101	5,339,802	8/1/94	Cook	
	102	5,339,803	8/1/94	Mayzels et al.	
	103	5,346,504	9/13/94	Ortiz et al.	
	104	5,353,784	10/1/94	Nady-Mohamed	
	105	5,354,302	10/11/94	Ko	
	106	5,357,983	10/1/94	Mathews	
	107	5,359,995	11/1/94	Sewell, Jr.	
	108	5,360,431	11/1/94	Puno et al.	
	109	5,364,395	11/1/95	West, Jr.	
	110	5,370,647	12/6/94	Graber et al.	
	111	5,376,076	12/1/94	Kaali	
	112	5,380,291	12/1/95	Kaali	
	113	5,385,583	1/31/95	Cotrel	
	114	5,392,766	2/1/95	Masterson et al.	
V	115	5,395,317	3/7/95	Kambin	
/NW/	116	5,396,880	3/1/95	Kagan et al.	

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	118	5,437,671	8/1/95	Lozier et al.	
	119	5,437,672	8/1/95	Alleyne	
	120	5,439,449	8/1/95	Mapes et al.	
	121	5,439,464	8/8/95	Shapiro	
	122	5,441,041	8/1/95	Sauer et al.	
	123	5,441,042	8/15/95	Putman	
	124	5,443,058	8/1/95	Ough	
	125	5,443,467	8/22/95	Biedermann et al.	
	126	5,443,514	8/22/95	Steffee	
	127	5,445,142	8/1/95	Hassler, Jr.	
	128	5,454,365	10/3/95	Bonnutti	
	129	5,470,333	11/28/95	Ray	
	130	5,472,426	12/5/95	Bonati et al.	
	131	5,480,440	1/2/96	Kambin	
	132	5,484,437	1/16/96	Michelson	
	133	5,487,744	1/30/96	Howland	
	134	5,489,307	2/6/96	Kuslich et al.	
	135	5,503,617	4/2/96	Jako	
	136	5,512,034	4/1/96	Finn et al.	
	137	5,520,607	5/28/96	Frassica et al.	
	138	5,534,009	7/1/96	Lander	
	139	5,549,595	8/1/96	Freitas	
	140	5,549,608	8/27/96	Errico et al.	
	141	5,551,947	9/1/96	Kaali	
	142	5,554,157	9/10/96	Errico et al.	
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	144	5,562,696	10/1/96	Nobles et al.	
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	148	5,571,072	11/5/96	Kronner	
	149	5,573,517	11/12/96	Bonutti et al.	
	150	5,575,754	11/19/96	Konomura	
	151	5,586,984	12/24/96	Errico et al.	
	152	5,588,949	12/31/96	Taylor et al.	
	153	5,601,554	2/11/97	Howland et al.	
	154	5,601,590	2/11/97	Bonutti et al.	
	155	5,603,688	2/1/97	Upsher	
	156	5,613,937	3/1/97	Garrison et al.	
	157	5,613,968	3/25/97	Lin	
	158	5,642,442	4/29/97	Merlinger et al.	
	159	5,643,282	7/10/97	Kieturakis	
	160	5,667,472	9/1/97	Finn et al.	
	161	5,667,473	9/1/97	Finn et al.	
	162	5,667,478	9/1/97	McFarlin et al.	
	163	5,667,520	9/16/97	Bonnutti	
	164	5,672,176	9/30/97	Biedermann et al.	
	165	5,674,295	10/7/97	Ray et al.	
	166	5,681,319	10/28/97	Biedermann et al.	
	167	5,695,448	12/9/97	Kimura et al.	
	168	5,702,454	12/30/97	Baumgartner	
	169	5,707,359	1/13/98	Bufalini	
	170	5,716,356	2/10/98	Biedermann et al.	
	171	5,725,588	3/10/98	Errico et al.	
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↓	173	5,730,754	3/1/98	Obenchain	
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	176	5,772,661	6/1/98	Michelson	
	177	5,782,833	7/21/98	Haider	
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	179	5,792,044	7/21/98	Foley et al.	
	180	5,795,289	8/19/98	Wyttenbach	
	181	5,797,911	8/25/98	Sherman et al.	
	182	5,810,809	9/1/98	Rydell	
	183	5,810,818	9/22/98	Errico et al.	
	184	5,813,978	9/29/98	Jako	
	185	5,814,084	9/29/98	Grivas et al.	
	186	5,823,947	10/1/98	Yoon et al.	
	187	5,824,093	10/20/98	Ray et al.	
	188	5,827,319	10/27/98	Carlson et al.	
	189	5,857,999	1/12/99	Quick et al.	
	190	5,863,293	1/26/99	Richelsoph	
	191	5,865,728	2/1/99	Moll et al.	
	192	5,865,802	2/2/99	Yoon et al.	
	193	5,868,745	2/9/99	Alleyne	
	194	5,873,878	2/23/99	Harms et al.	
	195	5,876,402	3/2/99	Errico et al.	
	196	5,879,389	3/9/99	Koshino	
	197	5,882,350	3/16/99	Ralph et al.	
	198	5,885,286	3/23/99	Sherman et al.	
	199	5,888,190	3/30/99	Foley et al.	
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	201	5,910,142	6/8/99	Tatar	
▼	202	5,921,917	7/1/99	Barthel et al.	
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	208	5,961,499	10/5/99	Bonnutti et al.	
	209	5,961,517	10/5/99	Biedermann et al.	
	210	5,964,760	10/12/99	Richelsoph	
	211	5,984,928	11/16/99	Hermann	
	212	5,997,471	12/1/99	Gumb et al.	
	213	5,997,508	12/7/99	Lunn et al.	
	214	6,004,320	12/1/99	Casscells et al.	
	215	6,007,487	12/1/99	Foley et al.	
	216	6,007,533	12/1/99	Casscells et al.	
	217	6,010,503	1/4/00	Richelsoph et al.	
	218	6,022,376	2/8/00	Assell et al.	
	219	6,033,406	3/7/00	Matthews	
	220	6,050,997	4/18/00	Mullane	
	221	6,053,917	4/25/00	Sherman et al.	
	222	6,063,090	5/16/00	Schläpfer	
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	224	6,074,391	6/13/00	Metz-Stavenhagen et al.	
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	226	6,086,588	7/11/00	Ameil et al.	
	227	6,090,111	7/18/00	Nichols	
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	237	6,142,931	11/1/00	Kaji	
	238	6,152,871	11/28/00	Foley et al.	
	239	6,162,170	12/1/00	Foley et al.	
	240	6,162,236	12/19/00	Osada	
	241	6,171,299	1/9/01	Bonnutti	
	242	6,175,758	1/1/01	Kambin	
	243	6,176,823	1/1/01	Foley et al.	
	244	6,183,473	2/6/01	Ashman	
	245	6,187,000	2/13/01	Davison et al.	
	246	6,206,822	3/1/01	Foley et al.	
	247	6,214,001	4/1/01	Casscells et al.	
	248	6,217,509	4/1/01	Foley et al.	
	249	6,221,082	4/24/01	Marino et al.	
	250	6,248,105	6/19/01	Schläpfer et al.	
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